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A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Harold Bowie on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and rare diligence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold Bowie, who has served admirably as president of Harding Academy for 37 productive years, is one such outstanding person; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable tenure at Harding Academy is the longest a private school administrator has served in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowie exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold Bowie received his B.S.E. degree and Masters Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, he completed post-master's work at the University of Arkansas and the University of Tennessee before receiving his Doctorate in Education from Memphis State University (University of Memphis); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold Bowie began his meritorious career in education by teaching in the Arkansas public schools for three years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowie also worked in public relations for Arkansas Power and Light for three years; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Bowie next served expertly as a teacher and as a vice president of Harding University for three outstanding years; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Dr. Harold Bowie was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Harding Academy; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure, Dr. Harold Bowie has seen enrollment flourish, going from 300 pupils to 1800 pupils; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bowie is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including service as Chairman of the Non-Public Schools Advisory Committee to the State Department of Education, as President of the Memphis Association of Independent Schools, as vice-president of the West Tennessee Education Association and as a member of Kappa Delta Pi National Education Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, he is also an active and devout follower of the Christian faith; he has served with acumen as a minister, education director, deacon and elder; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Dr. Bowie is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his devoted wife, Pat; his four children and ten grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and gifted educator as Dr. Harold Bowie, who, through his dedication to the profession he loves, has had an extraordinary impact on Tennessee's most precious resource, its young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Dr. Harold Bowie our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and salute his profound devotion to his students and to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Dr. Harold Bowie every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.